## Seventh-day Adventist Cult Exposed

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"There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." —Galatians 1:7,8

The following quote is from the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL...

"Baptismal vow—Candidates for baptism or those being received into fellowship by profession of faith shall affirm their acceptance of the doctrinal beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the presence of the church or other properly appointed body. The minister or elder should address the following questions to the candidate(s)...



...Do you accept and believe that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy? ..."

SOURCE: SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL, pgs. 30,31; ISBN 0-8280-1076-5; Revised 1995, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition; Review and Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

I went ahead and skipped most of the questions (1-12) because they are doctrinally sound, which is why so many victims get deceived by this false religious cult. Seventh-day Adventists (hereafter referred to as SDAs) do adhere superficially to the Fundamental doctrines of the Bible, so it seems at a glance. However, upon closer scrutiny, when we analyze the particulars of the SDA religion, we find a cesspool of damnable heresies, bizarre teachings and a false gospel.

# Seventh-day Adventists Falsely Claim They are the Only True Church

The key to the preceding quote I gave you is question #13, which mandates that a person joining the SDA Church MUST (without exception) believe that "the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the remnant church of Bible prophecy." This means that all other religions, including Baptist and Presbyterian, are viewed as being of the Devil by SDAs. SDAs arrogantly, and sinfully, teach that their organization is the only True Church, and that everyone else is following the Devil.

I can proudly say that I am a Baptist; but there's no such thing as "The Baptist Church." Jesus never founded a "Baptist Church." Jesus is the foundation of the Church, period (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:11). Thus, there are numerous denominations which teach the Word of God faithfully concerning the plan of salvation. The mighty evangelist, Billy Sunday, was a Presbyterian minister. The mighty pastor, Dwight Moody, was a Baptist. Many godly pastors are non-denominational. They are all a part of the Body of Christ. For any

religious group, such as the SDAs or Jehovah's Witnesses to claim that they are the only True Church is unbiblical and a false teaching.

Interesting, from looking at the "Fundamental Beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists" (outlined on pages 7-17 in the SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL), Baptists and SDAs align almost identically doctrinally concerning the Godhead, the Deity of Jesus Christ, Jesus' Shed Blood, the Virgin Birth, et cetera. In fact, some writers such as Walter Martin have made the fatal mistake of identifying the SDAs as a Christian cult. My friend, there is NO such thing as a "Christian cult." SDA is a demonic cult, as you will learn in the next section.

#### Satan is a Beautiful liar

SDA is an extremely dangerous religion because it appears as being a genuine New Testament Church; but it is not in any way. I have been contacted by several SDAs over the past few years, in response to my online writings, who allege that I don't understand their religion, and claim that SDA is Christ's genuine Church. I do understand their religion, and it is of the Devil.

As much as SDAs attempt to deny it, their religion is rooted in self-righteousness. SDAs hold to a particular doctrine, which is exclusive only to their religion, which they refer to as "Investigative Judgment." The following information is again quoted directly from SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL...

"There is a sanctuary in heaven, the true tabernacle which the Lord set up and not man. In it Christ ministers on our behalf, making available to believers the benefits of His atoning sacrifice offered once for all on the cross. He was inaugurated as our great High Priest and began His intercessory ministry at the time of His ascension. In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry. It is a work of investigative judgment which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin, typified by the cleansing of the ancient Hebrew sanctuary on the Day of Atonement...

The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting Kingdom. This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the Kingdom. The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human probation before the Second Advent."

SOURCE: SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL, pg. 15,16; ISBN 0-8280-1076-5; Revised 1995, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition; Review and Herald Publishing Association, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

I could literally write an entire book on the lies and false doctrines contained just in these two preceding paragraphs I've quoted to you. Wow, what a bunch of damnable heresies! Let's take a closer look these SDA teachings and compare them to what the Word of God teaches. In John 5:39 Jesus commanded for us to... SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!!! Let's do so now.

1. The first thing I want to point out, which SDAs won't, is that their religion DIDN'T exist until a wayward Baptist preacher by the name of Miller prophesied that the Lord would return in 1844, but He didn't. 10,000 followers of Miller had sold their homes, given away all their earthly possessions, and were utterly disappointed when Jesus didn't return in 1844. To save face, someone suggested that perhaps Miller had misunderstood the Bible, and the expected event had instead taken place in heaven. This is what they settled upon. Thus, a new religion was birthed and given the name in 1860 of Seventh-day Adventism.

There is absolutely nothing in the Bible to support such a bizarre claim by SDAs. By manipulating numbers and dates in the Bible, one can predict just about anything. Jehovah's Witnesses have their own little cute way of ripping apart the Bible to make their false doctrines fit. SDAs have done the same thing, i.e., they have corrupted the Word of God in order to accommodate their false teachings.

It is very important to realize that SDA did <u>not</u> exist prior to Miller's failed prophecy. If, as SDAs claim, the Bible teaches that the Lord would return in 1844, then why did only Miller and his followers believe this? The very manner in which the SDA religion came into existence is irrefutable proof that they are a manmade false religion.

- 2. Page 15 of the SDA Church Manual states: "In 1844, at the end of the prophetic period of 2300 days, He entered the second and last phase of His atoning ministry." There is absolutely nothing in the Word of God teaching such nonsense. You can search the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you won't find anything about a "second phase" of Jesus' atonement ministry. Even more bizarre is the ridiculous claim that the second phase began in 1844. Why hasn't anyone, from <a href="mailto:any other religion">any</a> other religion, interpreted the Bible in such a way? It is only SDAs who make such bizarre claims, because their founders were made the laughing stock of an entire nation when Jesus failed to return in 1844.
- 3. Page 15 of the SDA Church Manual states: "It is a work of investigative judgment which is part of the ultimate disposition of all sin..." SDAs are liars. 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7 states: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." It is Jesus' precious blood that washes away our sins, and nothing else. SDAs teach that Jesus' blood sacrifice is insufficient by itself to pay for our sins; teaching instead that a separate work which Christ began in the year 1844 A.D. is absolutely essential to one's salvation. This bizarre doctrine is nowhere taught in the Bible.
- 4. Page 15 and 16 of the SDA Church Manual states: "The investigative judgment reveals to heavenly intelligences who among the dead are asleep in Christ and therefore, in Him, are deemed worthy to have part in the first resurrection. It also makes manifest who among the living are abiding in Christ, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and in Him, therefore, are ready for translation into His everlasting Kingdom." This plainly teaches works salvation. No one is worthy of salvation. SDAs teach that in order to enter into God's everlasting Kingdom, the prerequisites of abiding in Christ and keeping God's

commandments must first be met. This is self-righteousness and a sure road to Hell.

Page 16 further states: "This judgment vindicates the justice of God in saving those who believe in Jesus. It declares that those who have remained loyal to God shall receive the Kingdom." In other words, by our good works we prove that we are worthy of the salvation which was freely given in Christ. But what about those believers who commit horrible sins, deliberately disobey the commandments of God, fail to remain loyal, and follow Christ afar off? You see, SDA only works for those who are self-righteous. According to SDA doctrine, a person who lives in sin and fails to abide in Christ cannot go to Heaven. Clearly, the life one lives is a part of saving faith in the SDA religion.

#### Seventh-day Adventists Call God a Liar

The mythical doctrine of "Investigative Judgment" is based upon the idea of Christ analyzing each person's life and trying to determine who is "worthy" to enter the Kingdom of God. In sharp contrast, the Word of God makes a PROMISE to every repentant sinner who calls upon the name of the Lord... "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**" (Romans 10:13). Whereas the Word of God <u>promises</u> salvation to anyone who trusts upon the name of Jesus for salvation; SDA teaches that there is NO guarantee of salvation until Christ's work of *Investigative Judgment* is complete. SDAs are calling God a liar. Whereas 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:13 says that believers can "KNOW" they have eternal life; SDAs teach that only Christ knows who is truly worthy to enter the Kingdom.

In the Bible, salvation is based upon God's unconditional love for sinful mankind (Romans 5:8), which caused Him to send His only begotten Son into the world to pay for our sins (John 3:16); but in SDA, salvation is based upon our loyalty to God, our faithfulness to keep God's commandments, whether or not we abide in Christ, and then of course, our faith. SDAs speak double-talk. They profess to trust completely in Jesus Christ for salvation; while simultaneously claiming that one's loyalty to God is a critical factor in salvation.

This is very similar to the damnable Calvinist doctrine of the *Perseverance of the Saints*, which teaches that those who are genuinely saved will continue in the faith. Thus, in effect, holy living is required to keep one's salvation. The problem with such sanctimonious thinking is that it ignores the Biblical reality of babes of Christ (i.e., immature believers) and backslidden believers. The Bible is filled with examples of believers who committed horrible sins, failed to remain loyal to God, failed to keep God's commandments, failed to abide in Christ; yet, they were saved as by fire (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:15). Thank God, our salvation is not dependent upon anything we can do; but rather, upon what Jesus did at Calvary. Our part is simply to *believe on the Lord Jesus Christ* (Acts 16:31). Salvation is of God; not man. Eternal life is a "free gift" from God (Romans 5:15; 6:23; Revelation 22:17). Salvation is receiving; not giving.

God has promised to save anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 10:13). SDAs are liars to teach a conditional type of salvation based upon one's loyalty to God.

Such doctrine is self-righteousness, which God condemns (Romans 10:3,4).

### Ellen G. White and Freemasonry

Photo to Right: Founder of 7th Day Adventism, Ellen G. White's Tomb Stone. Notice the Illuminati symbol. Obelisks represent Freemasonry, clearly evidenced by the Washington Monument. George Washington was a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Freemason.

Ellen G. White (November 26, 1827 — July 16, 1915) is only vaguely mentioned in the preface of the SDA Church Manual. Without prophetess Ellen G. White there would be no SDA Church; however, SDAs seek to avoid the issue because Ellen G. White's life was saturated with damnable New Age heresies and bizarre experiences. SDAs revere White's writings as being equally inspired with the Bible.

Interestingly, Charles Taze Russell (founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses), Ron Hubbard (founder of Scientology), and Joseph Smith (founder of the Mormon religion) were all 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Freemasons.

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of *Christian Science*, was an associate of 33rd Degree Freemason Henry Steele Olcott who founded the Satan worshipping cult called the "<u>Theosophical Society</u>" with evil female Freemason, mother of the *New Age Movement* and Hitler's spiritual guide, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky.

Satan is the god of this sinful world (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4) and operates through the occult to perform his works of darkness. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:13,14 informs us that Satan transforms himself into an angel of light to deceive people, and his sinister ministers are

transformed into ministers of righteousness. Should it be surprising then that the Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Scientologists, Christian Scientists, Seventh-day Adventists, and other religions are all OF THE DEVIL.





Throughout this article I have referred to the *Seventh-day Adventist* religion with the acronym SDA; but I think SAD is a better term, because there is nothing SADDER than the SDA religion. In fact, it's pathetically reprehensible. On page 16 of the SDA Church Manual, it states: "The completion of this ministry of Christ will mark the close of human



probation before the Second Advent." ... **Probation?** Since when are born-again Christians on probation with God? This is the BIG LIE of Seventh-day Adventism—on the surface they profess to trust Jesus Christ, saying that Jesus' blood is what takes our sins away, and claiming that they believe faith is all that is necessary for salvation; BUT IN REALITY, they believe that they're on "probation" with God, and that the life they live is taken into serious consideration by the Lord, in determining whether or not they are worthy of salvation.

The SDAs I have conversed with in the past were in denial. SDAs strongly deny trusting works for salvation; but simultaneously fail to realize (or refused to admit) that the very doctrine of "Investigative Judgment" is saturated in self-righteousness and works salvation. The very notion that Christ's work of redemption is still not finished, and that the life we live is being examined by Christ as part of His investigative work of atonement is demonic to the core. The life we live has absolutely NOTHING to do with whether or not we go to Heaven when we die. Eternal life is a "free gift" (Romans 5:15), paid for by Jesus' literal, physical, precious blood (1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18,19; Hebrews 9:12). To be saved, a person need only realize their guilt of sin (Romans 3:19), being condemned under God's Holy Law, and turn by faith to Jesus Christ to be saved and forgiven (Acts 10:43). SDAs talk a good talk; but their official doctrinal statement condemns them.

Interestingly, I couldn't find anything about Hell or the Lake of Fire in the SDA Church Manual; in spite of the preponderance of doctrines covered in the book. Clearly they don't believe in Hell. On page 190, the book states that the wicked will be resurrected at the end of the 1,000-year Millennium and then will be "consumed" by the same fire that God is going to use to cleanse the earth. In sharp contrast, the Bible teaches in Revelation 20:11-15 that the unsaved will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever; not consumed.

Miller messed up in 1844. You'd think today, after 164 years, that someone would finally give in and admit THEY WERE WRONG! Talk about an ego trip. SDAs have stubbornly refused to admit they've been wrong for the past 164 years. I think that's a new Guinness World Record of some sort.

SDA is of the Devil—a manmade (or should I say "womanmade") religion birthed out of confusion, panic and false doctrine. The big question is this—why follow any religion? Jesus never started a religion. Why cannot we just "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES" as Jesus commanded in John 5:39? Religion is the worst thing that's ever happened to this dark and dreary world of sin. Salvation is NOT found in any religion; but in a person—The Lord Jesus Christ ... "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43).

## **The Occult Roots of Seventh-day Adventism**

<u>Ye Must Be Born Again!</u> | <u>You Need HIS</u> <u>Righteousness!</u>

